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SUBJECT: OAS ANNUAL SCCN MEETING, APRIL 25-29

1. THE VIII REGULAR MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR
CONSULTATION AND NEGOTIATION (SCCN, OR CECON) OF THE OAS
WILL TAKE PLACE APRIL 25-29 IN SANTO DOMINGO. ALL OAS
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MEMBERS EXCEPT THE U.S. WILL CAUCUS APRIL 24. THE AGENDA
INCLUDES FOUR SUBJECTS: GSP, US TRADE ACTIONS, SUGAR,
AND MTN. SINCE THE MEETING TAKES PLACE TWO WEEKS BEFORE
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, AND
SINCE THE DR IS OUR PRINCIPAL SUGAR SUPPLIER, SUGAR POLICY
WILL RECEIVE PARTICULAR ATTENTION.

2. THE PROPOSED U.S. DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY ARA DAS ARELLANO AND INCLUDE EB DAS BOSWORTH, DEPUTY U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OAS TRAGEN, AND ASSISTANT SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE LANDE OR OFFICE OF TRADE DIRECTOR AHMAD. BOSWORTH WILL LEAD THE U.S. PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSING SUGAR AND OTHER COMMODITIES SUCH AS TIN, AND WILL ALSO BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ISSUES RELATING TO A POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF A COMMON FUND CONFERENCE. LANDE OR AHMAD WILL PARTICIPATE CONCERNING GSP AND WILL ALSO COMMENT ON THE SECRETARIAT'S REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE MTN, USING THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN OUR VIEWS ON LDC

PARTICIPATION IN THE MTN. BEST TIMES FOR BOSWORTH AND LANDE ARE APRIL 25 OR 26.

3. WE HOPE THAT OTHER DELEGATIONS CAN BE OF A SUITABLE LEVEL TO BENEFIT FROM THE U.S. DELEGATION'S SENIORITY AND EXPERTISE. THE CHANCE FOR A SERIOUS EXCHANGE OF IDEAS WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE COUNTERPARTS WILL BE WASTED IF OTHER COUNTRIES MERELY SEND DELEGATES FROM THEIR WASHINGTON MISSIONS TO THE OAS OR FROM THEIR EMBASSIES IN SANTO DOMINGO. THE DR IS URGING HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATION FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. IF OTHERS DECIDE TO SEND VICE MINISTERS, DEPUTY STR AMBASSADOR WOLFF WOULD CONSIDER ATTENDING THE MEETING ON APRIL 28.

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4. ACTION REQUESTED: ADDRESSEES, EXCEPT GEORGETOWN AND NASSAU, SHOULD CONSULT WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS ABOUT THIS SCCN MEETING, ENCOURAGE REPRESENTATION OF SENIOR TRADE POLICY OFFICIALS AT THE MINISTERIAL OR VICE MINISTERIAL LEVEL, AND REPORT RESULTS. VANCE

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